



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: A. Azad  
THOMAS B. SCHALK ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2741  
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated May 22, 2001, for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 22, 2001. Claims 1-5, 7, 13-16 and 18 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.